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SUBJ: LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH CHANGE TACTICS

1. IN A CLANDESTINE PRESS CONFERENCE ON NOV 8, JUAN CARLOS DANTE GULLO AND JUAN ANON ANNOUNCED AN APPARENT CHANGE IN TACTICS FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION--THE PERONIST YOUTH-REGIONALES. THIS ELEMENT OF THE "REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY" OF THE LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE THEY STOOD AT THE SIDE OF THE MONTONEROS TWO MONTHS AGO AS THE LATTER ANNOUNCED THEIR RETURN TO ARMED RESISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

2. EMPHASIZING THAT THEIR GROUP HAD NEVER DECIDED TO TAKE UP ARMS, GULLO AND ANON STATED IT INSTEAD WOULD PREPARE FOR THE 1977 ELECTIONS BY "ORGANIZING THE STRUCTURES NECESSARY TO RECONSTITUTE THE PERONIST MOVEMENT". THE TWO ANNOUNCED A PLAN OF MASS MOBILIZATION FOR NOV 17 IN ORDER TO MARK THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF PERON'S RETURN TO ARGENTINA AND ALSO DECLARED THEMSELVES TO BE FIRMLY AGAINST ANY MILITARY "GOLPES".

3. THE JP-REGIONALES REPRESENT A LARGE PORTION OF THE LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH. THEIR ANNOUNCEMENTS WOULD APPEAR TO BE MOTIVATED BY RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE

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TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE MONTONEROS

IN ORDER TO SURVIVE AS AN ORGANIZATION. IT ALSO INDICATES THEY ARE NO LONGER WILLING TO LET THE MONTONEROS CALL ALL THE SHOTS. THEIR PLANS MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. THE MAIN STRENGTH OF THE JP-REGIONALES IN THE PAST WAS THEIR ABILITY TO MOUNT LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS. THE GOA, HOWEVER, HAD CEASED TO TOLERATE SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS EVEN BEFORE IMPOSITION OF THE STATE OF SEIGE AND THEREFORE CAN BE EXPECTED TO PREVENT ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES ON NOV 17. THE DESIRE OF THE JP TO RETURN TO POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD EXPOSE THEM TO ATTACKS BY RIGHT-WING TERRORISTS. GIVEN THESE TWO FACTORS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE THIS GROUP REASSUMING THE IMPORTANCE IT ONCE HAD IN ARGENTINE POLITICAL LIFE.

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